

REMARKS

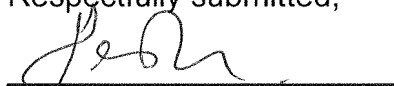
Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The limitations of claim 5 have been incorporated into claim 1, so it is expected that claim 1 is allowable in view of paragraph 9 of the office action.

Claims 4, 5, 6-8 and 11-12 are cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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